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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A8572

Joseph R. LAKOWICZ, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/786,627 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1743

Confirmation No.: 3516

Examiner: Jeffrey R. Snay

Filed: April 17, 2001

For: LOW FREQUENCY MODULATION SENSORS USING NANOSECOND
FLUOROPHORES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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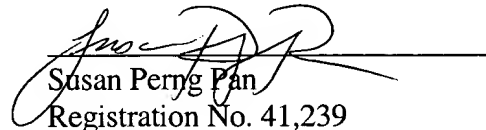
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of March 25, 2003, to August 25, 2003.

The statutory fee of \$205.00 (**small entity**) is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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